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SUBJECT: BURDENSARING

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1. EMBOFFS MET 3 DECEMBER WITH WIGGIN (ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY, FCO) TO PASS OFFICIALLY TO HMG TEXT OF RUMSFELD PRESENTATION ON BURDENSARING TO NAC ON 29 NOV. DRAWING ON GUIDELINES (REFTEL), WE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE IN TERMS OF JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT FOR NATO ALLIES TO ADDRESS BURDENSARING PROPOSITION EXPEDITIOUSLY AND IMAGINATIVELY.

2. WIGGIN SAID HMG WOULD STUDY OUR PROPOSAL CAREFULLY. HE NOTED THAT USG IS WELL AWARE OF BRITISH POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AND SAID HE IS NOT AT ALL OPTIMISTIC THAT HMG--WHOSE PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL/ECONOMIC SITUATION SEEMS CERTAIN TO DETERIORATE EVEN FURTHER AS RESULT OF THE
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ENERGY CRISIS--COULD BE ANY MORE FORTHCOMING IN THIS

AREA.

3. ALTHOUGH WIGGIN IS AWARE THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER
WILL BE PRESSING ALLIED AGREEMENT TO SOME SORT OF
BURDENSARING MEASURES AT FRIDAY'S DPC MEETING, HE
DOUBTS THAT HMG WILL BE ABLE TO REVIEW AND FORMULATE
RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

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